

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

June 4, 2018

9:00 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in joint session with the Roanoke City Planning Commission on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Section 2-15, Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, Regular Meetings, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and pursuant to Resolution No. 40879-070317 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 3, 2017.

PRESENT: Council Members David B. Trinkle, William D. Bestpitch, Michelle L. Dykstra, Raphael E. Ferris, John A. Garland, and Vice-Mayor Anita J. Price-6.

ABSENT: Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-1.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

ROANOKE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Lora J. Katz, Angela S. Penn, Anthony Russell and Pro Tem Kermit Hale-4.

ROANOKE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Karri B. Atwood, Sarah Glenn, and Chair James E. Smith-3.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Chittum, Director, Planning, Building and Development; Ian Shaw, Planning Administrator; and Tina Carr, Secretary, City Planning Commission.

2018 JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL: Vice-Mayor Price announced that the 2018 Juneteenth Festival would be held on Saturday, June 9 at Washington Park from 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m., to commemorate the announcement of the emancipation of slavery.

The Vice-Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, and recognized Planning Commissioner Hale, a former Chairman as Chairman Pro Tem, for comments due to the absence of the Chair.

The Planning Staff gave an overview of the following items:

- Upcoming Zoning Ordinance and City Code Text Amendments
- Comprehensive Plan Update "Kick-off" Process

(See copies of presentations on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Following dialogue, Vice-Mayor Price announced that public hearings would be held by the City Planning Commission on Monday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m.; and City Council on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber to receive public comments with regard to the proposed zoning amendments.

There being no further comments, Vice-Mayor Price expressed appreciation to Mr. Chittum and noted that the presentation would be received and filed.

With regard to the Comprehensive Plan and potential content, the Planning Administrator advised that the goal was to be a more vibrant City with village centers as a walkable, dynamic community. He pointed out many of the focus areas in the old plan included housing, neighborhoods, cultural resources, economic development, transportation and infrastructure, adding that the new plan would include the abovementioned focus areas and public health and equity.

The Senior City Planner provided the details and timeframe of the Plan.

Following accolades and comments from several Council Members on the concepts of the new plan and moving forward, Vice-Mayor Price thanked the Planning staff for their time and dedication; and expressed delight in the engagement of the youth in connection with the Comprehensive Plan.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Hale thanked the Planning staff for their hard work and communication with the Commission; and City Council for the opportunity for open discussion.

At 10:18 a.m., the Chairman Pro Tem declared the Roanoke City Planning Commission meeting adjourned; and Vice-Mayor Price declared the Council meeting in recess.

At 10:30 a.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, Vice-Mayor Price presiding, and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Mayor Lea.

Vice-Mayor Price called attention to the following Items for Action:

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL: A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Dykstra moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

DISPOSITION OF A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED 2410 MASON MILL ROAD, N. E., 2402 MASON MILL ROAD, N. E., 2320 MASON MILL ROAD, N. E., AND 2002 BLUE HILLS DRIVE, N. E.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property situated at 2410 Mason Mill Road, N. E., 2402 Mason Mill Road, N. E., 2320 Mason Mill Road, N. E., and 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA: NONE.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:
NONE.

BRIEFINGS:

Economic Analysis of the Arts and Cultural Industry in the City of Roanoke

Wayne Strickland, Executive Director, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, gave a briefing on the economic impact of the Arts and Cultural industry in the Blue Ridge region and in the City of Roanoke, highlighting the following:

- Introduction
- Methodology
- How Does IMPLAN Work?
- What Can IMPLAN Analyses Reveal?
- Economic Scope of Arts Organizations
 - Employment
 - Funding
 - Tourism and Visitation
- Economic Impact of Visitor Spending
- Relative Size of Local Arts and Cultural Sector
- Summary

(See copy of presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle noted that a lot of changes have occurred over the years with Arts and Cultural organizations; and fortunately, they were surviving and fairly healthy. He was confident that City Council was committed to the Roanoke Cultural Endowment concept, as well as other organizations of the Arts and Cultural Endowment; adding this will be a mechanism through which public and private funding would preserve Roanoke as a healthy hub for arts and culture industry.

Council Member Dykstra stated she was interested in learning more about trends and understanding where the City has been in regards to government funding and support of the arts and cultural institutions in the past and learn how the two intersect and what the trend lines were for local support from a government standpoint and the health of the overall arts and cultural organizations, and the change in the methodology used this year; whereupon, Matt Miller, Director of Information Services, RVARC, shared that the methodology was different than previous years because the Commission looked at the arts and cultural institutions as to the basis why people came to Roanoke. He explained that in previous years, the Commission to separate how many people visited solely to view the arts and cultural offerings, adding that the intent of the report was to show funding coming from outside of the region and how funding that the City received could be leveraged.

Following additional inquiries and comments by the Council, Vice-Mayor Price expressed appreciation to Messrs. Strickland and Miller and stated that the presentation would be received and filed.

At 11:03 a.m., Vice-Mayor Price declared the Council Meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting to be held in the Council's Conference Room, Room 451; and thereafter to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 2:00 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Lea presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members David B. Trinkle, William D. Bestpitch, Michelle L. Dykstra, Raphael E. Ferris (arrived late), John A. Garland, Anita J. Price and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Kathleen A. Miko, Chaplain, Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

At this point, Council Member Ferris entered the meeting (2:05 p.m.).

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

MISCELLANEOUS: Anthony Bellavia, 2813 Bluefield Boulevard, S. W., requested that four-way stop signs be erected at the intersection of Persinger and Colonial Avenues, S. W.; and that sidewalks and roundabouts be installed wherever necessary in the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form, or forms, listed on the Consent Agenda, and if discussion is desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 7, 2018; and the recessed meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 14, 2018, were before the body.

(See Minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

SALE OF AN APPROXIMATELY 0.2307 ACRE PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13 CHURCH AVENUE, S. E., TO OLD SCHOOL PARTNERS II, LLC: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager may determine, to consider the sale of an approximately 0.2307 acre portion of City-owned property located at 13 Church Avenue, S. E., to Old School Partners II, LLC, was before the body.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$42.7 million for qualifying capital improvement projects, was before the body.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

RESIGNATION MEMBER OF THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD: A communication from the City Clerk advising that Antwyne Calloway has rescinded his resignation as a member of the Fair Housing Board, effective immediately, was before the Council.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD-ROANOKE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION-MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD-ROANOKE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION-VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council:

Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop as the Roanoke City/Virginia Tech representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a term ending March 9, 2021;

James O' Hare as a member (Public/Government) of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2021; and as a Youth Care Administrator (Alternate Member) of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

Dan Smith as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021;

Steven Martin as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

Timothy Martin as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021; and

Bart Wilner as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office ending June 30, 2019.

(See Oaths or Affirmations of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

ARTS & CULTURAL ENDOWMENT ANNUAL REPORT: Shaleen Powell, Executive Director, Roanoke Cultural Endowment, gave a progress report regarding the fundraising efforts of the Arts and Cultural Endowment over the past year, outlining ongoing and future activities.

Ms. Powell commented that the Arts were an important economic engine that contributed to the success and prosperity of the community and the Roanoke Cultural Endowment would provide a new stream of perpetual funding for arts and cultural organizations in Roanoke, and having the City as a partner provides credibility to its fundraising efforts by elevating and strengthening the cultural infrastructure in Roanoke.

Following comments by the Council members, Mayor Lea thanked Ms. Powell for the informative progress report; and stated that the report would be received and filed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

KING STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of funds from the Western Virginia Water Authority for the King Street Improvements Project.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle offered the following resolution:

(#41144-060418) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of funds to the City of Roanoke from the Western Virginia Water Authority ("WVWA") for reimbursement of work completed by the City's contractor regarding the design-build services for the King Street Improvements Project; and authorizing the acceptance, execution, and filing of appropriate documents to obtain such funds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 79, page 616.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41144-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Trinkle offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41145-060418) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Western Virginia Water Authority to the Orange Avenue and King Street Intersection Improvement project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2017 - 2018 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 616.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41145-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY17 GRANT FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the State Homeland Security FY17 Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in support of the City of Roanoke HAZMAT Team.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle offered the following resolution:

(#41146-060418) A RESOLUTION accepting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management HAZMAT Grant to the City from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 79, page 617.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41146-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Trinkle offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41147-060418) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for hazardous materials emergency responses and training and development, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2017 - 2018 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 618.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41147-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

FY2017 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the FY2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in support of the Division 6 Heavy Technical Rescue Team.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41148-060418) A RESOLUTION accepting the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant to the City from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 79, page 619.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41148-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41149-060418) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Heavy Technical Rescue (HTR) Team for equipment and training and development, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2017 - 2018 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 619.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41149-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD ALLOCATION FUNDING: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval of Human Services Advisory Board allocation funding to various non-profit agencies for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019; and execution of a contract with the Council of Community Services to conduct performance audits.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Vice-Mayor Price offered the following resolution:

(#41150-060418) A RESOLUTION approving the recommendations of the Human Services Advisory Board ("Board") for allocation of City funds to various qualified agencies to assist such agencies in the performance of their programs for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with the Council of Community Services to perform the necessary performance audits to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of all the funded programs by such agencies.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 79, page 620.)

Vice-Mayor Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41150-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41151-060418) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding to specific Human Services Committee agencies, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2018 - 2019 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 621.)

Vice-Mayor Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41151-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

APPROVAL OF ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION ALLOCATION FUNDING: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval of Roanoke Arts Commission allocation funding to specific arts and culture agencies for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Trinkle offered the following resolution:

(#41152-060418) A RESOLUTION concurring with and approving the recommendations of the Roanoke Arts Commission's ("Arts Commission") allocation of City funds to various nonprofit agencies for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 79, page 623.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41152-060418. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Trinkle offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41153-060418) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding to specific Art Commission agencies, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2018 - 2019 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 624.)

Council Member Trinkle moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41153-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CODE: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code to modify the Board member definition in connection with the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41154-060418) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining, Section 22.3-8(b)(4), Board of Trustees Generally, Article II, Administration, Chapter 22.3 Pensions and Retirement, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended, providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 626.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41154-060418. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Mr. Cowell called attention to a public meeting scheduled regarding Interstate 81, whereby the Virginia Department of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation were developing a plan to study the length of Interstate 81 throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, and would be seeking input from the community, stakeholders and industries located along that corridor. He mentioned previous discussion about actions to address further blight issues in our neighborhoods, noting there were a series of recommendations made, particularly the formation of a land bank entity to assist with reducing the adverse impacts of blight, deteriorated structures, and vacant lots in the City, increasing development of affordable housing options, and aiding in the revitalization and reinvestment in such areas of the City.

The City Manager stated the City is seeking existing or proposed non-profit entities to submit Requests for Proposals to become the City's Land Bank Entity, with sealed proposals to be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018, and a recommendation to the City Council for consideration in the fall.

Mr. Cowell shared additional comments regarding the following:

Public Art Unveiling

- On Friday, June 8, at 1:00 p.m., the City of Roanoke will unveil a new mural for its public art program.
 - The location will be on the first floor of the Municipal Building North.
 - The mural is titled "Be the Change," and was designed and fabricated by the students of the Patrick Henry High School National Art Honor Society, and sponsored by Patrick Henry High School art teacher Jennifer Fowler.
 - The students' objective was to create portraits that capture the enthusiasm, as well as diversity that is reflected throughout the youth of Roanoke City.
 - Our Arts and Culture Coordinator, Susan Jennings, along with the Roanoke Arts Commission worked with this group to support the project.

2018 Summer Reading program

- Roanoke Public Libraries will hold its Summer Reading Program June 18 through July 28. Children, teens, and families will be encouraged to read together through a variety of programs and incentives.
 - This year's theme, "Reading Takes You Everywhere," will get families reading through daily arts and literacy-based programs, including theatre and storytelling performances, magic shows, family trivia nights, puzzle rooms, storytimes, concerts, and cultural programs.
 - Children and teens 0-18 years of age can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, which will allow any child who completes a reading log of 10 books or more to receive a prize; teens will receive one entry into gift-card drawings for each book they read.
 - Also this summer, the Roanoke Public Libraries will be offering the Feed and Read Program for a fifth year. Children will be able to receive free lunches and snacks at every Roanoke Public Library branch from June 4 to August 17.

Roanoke's Fireworks on the Fourth of July

- The City will host its annual fireworks display
 - Wednesday, July 4
 - River's Edge Sports Complex
 - Food trucks, inflatables, and face painting
 - Music performed by Winds of the Blue Ridge
 - Activities begin at 7:00 p.m.
 - Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.
 - This is the area's biggest and best fireworks show!
 - Citizens are invited to join us for this annual celebration of America's independence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

ROBERT GRAY: Request of a resolution memorializing the late Robert Gray, a Korean War Veteran and Roanoke resident, at a subsequent Council meeting.

2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS: Announced that Classes of 2018 were one of the largest high school graduating classes in the Roanoke City Public School system.

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Vice-Mayor Price moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by City Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND TOWING ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Bestpitch moved that the City residency requirement of Carolyn Glover, as a City retiree representative of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees, for a two-year term of office ending June 30, 2020; and Ricky Clark as a Citizen at Large member of the Towing Advisory Board for a term ending October 31, 2020 be waived in this instance, which reappointments were made by the Council of the City of Roanoke at its regular meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of David Parr, Jr., ending June 30, 2018; and a vacancy created by the resignation of Nicole Harris ending June 30, 2019, as members of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of David Parr, Jr., and Russell Thomas.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Parr was reappointed for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021; and Mr. Thomas was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Nicole Harris ending June 30, 2019, as members of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. PARR and THOMAS: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

FAIR HOUSING BOARD: The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Dennis Light as a member of the Fair Housing Board ending March 31, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Nicole Calhoun.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Calhoun was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Dennis Light as a member of the Fair Housing Board ending March 31, 2021, by the following vote:

FOR MS. CALHOUN: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the vacancies created by the resignation of Wilton Kennedy ending November 30, 2019; and lack of attendance of Marion Vaughn-Howard ending November 30, 2020, as members of the Human Services Board; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Madeline Seflik and Barron Wilson.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Seflik was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Wilton Kennedy ending November 30, 2019; and Mr. Wilson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Marion Vaughn-Howard ending November 30, 2020, as members of the Human Services Advisory Board, by the following vote:

FOR MS. SEFLIK AND MR. WILSON: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Charlsie E. Parker (Public/Government) as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board ending June 30, 2018; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Charlsie E. Parker.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Parker (Public/Government) was reappointed as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021, by the following vote:

FOR MS. PARKER: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Douglas Waters as a City Representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board ending June 30, 2018. Inasmuch as Mr. Waters has served three consecutive terms of office, he is not eligible for reappointment; whereupon, Mayor Lea opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of John Francis.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Francis was appointed to replace Douglas Waters as a City Representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board for a term of four years ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

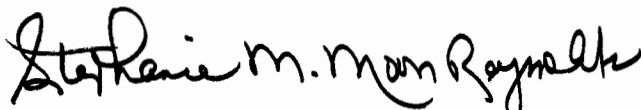
FOR MR. FRANCIS: Council Members Trinkle, Bestpitch, Dykstra, Ferris, Garland, and Vice-Mayor Price-6.

(Mayor Lea abstained from voting inasmuch as he was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

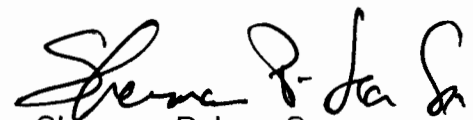
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the regular meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
